



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
August 28, 2015
Room 500, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger, Chair
Alan Burton
Ande Smith
Noa Sreden, Student Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director, Maine DOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, Maine DOE School Facilities

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of July 6, 2015 were approved as written.

The chair introduced the Waiver of Chapter 61 Time Limitations Exhibit to the Committee. He then asked Scott Brown to explain the history of recent rule revisions and the implications that have led to potential conflicts with Section 6.2.F(3). Mr. Brown explained that recent revisions included a significant change where the contract documents for projects must now be 100% complete to be eligible for Board consideration of Design and Funding Approval. To meet this 100% requirement projects will now be presented to the Board much later in their process and just prior to competitive bidding which was the intention of the change. Section 6.2.F(3) currently requires projects be presented to the Board within 9 months after referendum which Mr. Brown stressed to the Committee is too short for the new 100% completion requirement and he has recommended the Time Limitation requirement be extended to 16 months. After a number of questions and further discussion the Committee voted to send the exhibit to the Board with the recommendation that it be approved.

Mr. Brown updated the Committee regarding the construction status of the first 12 school construction projects which are on the 2010-2011 Priority List and answered questions regarding the Committee's interest in setting a schedule for the next Application and Rating Cycle.

There being no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.